

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 11, 17, and 19 have been amended.

New claims 32-34 have been added.

No claims have been canceled.

1. (Currently amended) A mounting assembly for mounting a roll of sheet material having a central cylindrical opening in a dispenser for dispensing sections of said roll of sheet material, said dispenser being one of a type having a housing with a main plate and a cover, comprising:

(a) a bung having a tubular body operative to tightly engage an interior of said central cylindrical opening and to resist withdrawal from said central cylindrical opening and a short cylindrical portion frangibly connected to said tubular body such that after the tubular body is inserted into the roll, the force required to fracture said frangible connection is less than the force required to withdraw said tubular body from said roll; and

(b) a receptacle mounted on one of said main plate and said cover for receiving and retaining said short cylindrical portion in sliding engagement.

2. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, further comprising a roll engagement element mounted on another of said main plate and said cover operative to slidably engage an end of said central cylindrical opening opposite to an end into which said bung is inserted.

3. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said tubular body includes a plurality of outwardly directed projections.

4. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of outwardly directed projections extend parallel to an axis of said tubular body.

5. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said bung further includes a flange extending outwardly at an intersection of said short cylindrical portion and said tubular body.

6. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 5, wherein said tubular body includes a plurality of outwardly directed projections.

7. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of outwardly directed projections each have a point directed towards said flange operative to resist withdrawal of said bung.

8. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 3, wherein said plurality of outwardly directed projections have a sharp elongated edge.

9. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said tubular body has a round interior and a diameter larger than said short cylindrical portion.

10. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said roll engagement element is a conical element insertable into said central cylindrical opening.

11. (Currently amended) A dispenser of sections of a roll of sheet material having a housing with a main plate and a cover, comprising:

(a) a bung having a tubular body with a plurality of outwardly projecting ribs operative to tightly engage an interior cylindrical surface of said roll of sheet material and a short cylindrical portion frangibly connected to said tubular body such that after the tubular body is inserted into the roll, the force required to fracture said frangible connection is less than the force required to withdraw said tubular body from said roll;

(b) a receptacle mounted on one of said main plate and said cover for receiving and retaining said short cylindrical portion in sliding engagement; and

(c) a roll engagement element mounted on another of said base plate and said cover operative to slidably engage an end of said central cylindrical opening opposite to an end into which said bung is inserted.

12. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 11, wherein said bung further includes a flange extending outwardly at an intersection of said short cylindrical portion and said tubular body.

13. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 12, wherein said plurality of outwardly projecting ribs each have a point directed towards said flange operative to resist withdrawal of said bung.

14. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 11, wherein said plurality of outwardly projecting ribs have a sharp elongated edge extending parallel to said tubular body.

15. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 11, wherein said tubular body has a round interior and a diameter larger than said short cylindrical portion.

16. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 11, wherein said roll engagement element is a conical element insertable into said central cylindrical opening.

17. (Currently amended) A method of dispensing sections of a roll of sheet material from a dispenser having a housing with a main plate and a cover, comprising:

(a) providing a bung having a tubular body for insertion into an end of said roll of sheet material and a short cylindrical portion frangibly connected to said tubular

body such that after the tubular body is inserted into the roll, the force required to fracture said frangible connection is less than the force required to withdraw said tubular body from said roll;

(b) inserting said bung into an interior cylindrical surface of said roll of sheet material to tightly engage said tubular body with said interior cylindrical surface;

(c) placing said short cylindrical portion in rotational engagement with a receptacle mounted on one of said main plate and said cover for receiving and retaining said short cylindrical portion in rotational engagement; and

(d) placing an end of said central cylindrical opening opposite to an end into which said bung is inserted into rotational engagement with a roll engagement element mounted on another of said base plate and said cover.

18. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein said tubular body includes a plurality of outwardly directed projections.

19. (Currently amended) A method according to claim ~~18~~47, wherein said plurality of outwardly directed projections extend parallel to an axis of said tubular body.

20. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein said bung further includes a flange extending outwardly at an intersection of said short cylindrical portion and said tubular body.

21. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein said tubular body includes a plurality of outwardly directed projections.

22. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 21, wherein said plurality of outwardly directed projections each have a point directed towards said flange operative to resist withdrawal of said bung.

23. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 18, wherein said plurality of outwardly directed projections have a sharp elongated edge.

24. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein said tubular body has a round interior and a diameter larger than said short cylindrical portion.

25. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein said roll engagement element is a conical element insertable into said central cylindrical opening.

26. (Previously presented) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein the frangible connection comprises a narrowing of the interior wall of the short cylindrical portion at the junction between the short cylindrical portion and the tubular body.

27. (Previously presented) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein the frangible connection comprises one or more intermittent circumferentially elongated slots.

28. (Previously presented) A dispenser according to claim 11, wherein the frangible connection comprises a narrowing of the interior wall of the short cylindrical portion at the junction between the short cylindrical portion and the tubular body.

29. (Previously presented) A dispenser according to claim 11, wherein the frangible connection comprises one or more intermittent circumferentially elongated slots.

30. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein the frangible connection comprises a narrowing of the interior wall of the short

cylindrical portion at the junction between the short cylindrical portion and the tubular body.

31. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein the frangible connection comprises one or more intermittent circumferentially elongated slots.

32. (New) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein the short cylindrical portion is adjacent to the tubular body along the longitudinal axis of the bung and the frangible connection is at the intersection of the short cylindrical portion and the tubular body along the longitudinal axis of the bung.

33. (New) A dispenser according to claim 11, wherein the short cylindrical portion is adjacent to the tubular body along the longitudinal axis of the bung and the frangible connection is at the intersection of the short cylindrical portion and the tubular body along the longitudinal axis of the bung.

34. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein the short cylindrical portion is adjacent to the tubular body along the longitudinal axis of the bung and the frangible connection is at the intersection of the short cylindrical portion and the tubular body along the longitudinal axis of the bung.